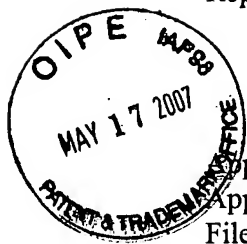


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 12, 2007, having a period for response set to expire on May 12, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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